

THE BULLETIN



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CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. —
First Twilight Jazz Session in new OPC headquarters (George Washington Ballroom) presenting formal debut of the Onzy Matthews 17-piece band.

To reach members in the new bar/lounge, phone 581-8713, from 12 noon to 10 p.m. OPC business phone remains 581-8700, from 9-5.

TWILIGHT JAZZ SESSIONS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 10

Onzy Matthews, a creative jazz artist who is well known as a pianist, composer, arranger, singer, and bandleader, will formally debut his new seventeen-piece band, the "New York Loonky Choonk," to members and guests of the OPC on Monday, Sept. 10, when the Overseas Jazz Club swings into its third Season of twilight jazz sessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will take place in the George Washington Ballroom and seating is on a first-come basis.



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Matthews' "New York Loonky Choonk" band is slated to bring an entirely new image to the world of big band jazz. "Our presentation," says the bandleader, "is an original concept of combining vision and sound with emphasis on impeccable taste."

OPC members working with jazz chairman *Wilma Dobie* are: *Matt Bassity, Ruth Biemiller, Jerry Bissell, Lynn Bloom, George Dugan, Erik Moedan, Jim Morisseau, Lewis K. McMillarn, Jr., Cindy Reagan, Sherwin Smith and Sol Zatt.*

THE PUERTO RICO PRESS CLUB ACTS

IN DEFENSE OF PRESS FREEDOM

According to the "OPC Newsletter" of the Overseas Press Club of Puerto Rico,* the club intervened in the arrest of reporter Nester Concepcion of "El Nuevo Dia" and the subsequent efforts to force him to reveal his confidential news sources in a current criminal case. The San Juan Supreme

The Bulletin Committee will appreciate receiving reports of professional or personal interest to our membership. The contributions may be in the form of a brief article, letter to the editor, a short item for the Who-What-Where column, typed double space, 36 characters to a line. Kudos or gripes are also welcome.

CREDIT SYSTEM RESTORED

In a special arrangement with the WNRC, the credit system for OPC members has been resumed and special "auxiliary membership" cards have been mailed for identification purposes only, with no political implications.

House Committee Chairman Larry Blochman reminds OPCers of two pertinent points to the situation: .

1. Only those members who have paid the annual \$5 credit-card fee are eligible to charge food and drinks in the OPC lounge on the second mezzanine, the third-floor dining room, and the fourth-floor lounge. The fee, to cover billing and accounting costs, has been charged ever since the credit system was established at 39th Street headquarters in 1957.

2. Gratuities for the personnel in the OPC lounge may NOT be added to the charge slips but should be tendered in cash if desired. This is necessary because tabs go through the offices of WNRC which has a no-tipping policy.

Court later dropped contempt charges against the reporter.

At its 1973 General Assembly, the club took the stand that a newsmen's shield law is needed to protect the Puerto Rican journalists' rights and urged such a law which would place no restrictions on such rights. The club has volunteered its services in the preparation of such a measure and expects to have it introduced at the next session of the legislature.

Pursuing its interest in other attacks on the freedom of the press, the Newsletter quotes an AP dispatch from Saint Thomas, V.I.:

"Gov. Melvin H. Evans has laid down new and tighter ground rules for members of his cabinet...to hold no press conferences without his approval and to clear all press releases with his office. He also ruled that department heads scheduled to appear in public programs or on radio or television advise him in advance of the contents of their prospective remarks."

The publication also mentions a memorandum of the government-owned Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation which the Barbados Press Association has denounced. The memo instructed the staffers to refrain from calling ministers of government directly for news stories and advised them that their duty is "to report the positive side of things."

Early in July, the club sponsored Porto Rico's Press Week at which the principal speaker was German Ornes, Editor-publisher of "El Caribe" and chairman of the Freedom of the Press Committee of the Inter-American Press Association.

***Although the Puerto Rico club uses the name "Overseas Press Club" and our initials "OPC," it is not associated with our organization.**

LETTERS

As a non-resident member, I favored raising non-resident dues, and I opposed the subsequent decision to nullify the increase.

If adopted, the proposal to give non-resident dues status to anyone living outside the New York City limits could be the last blow to a debt-ridden club.

Non-residents pay no rent. They pay for the Bulletin, for additional mailings and for a staff smaller than needed to sustain such activities as defending freedom of the press and honoring excellence through the awards program.

In an inflated economy, the chairman of the membership committee proposes an inflated membership roster, to be achieved by signing up people unwilling to contribute to the survival of the Club.

Our wealthiest members commute from Rye, Connecticut, Long Island. No New York luncheon club will have them for less than the dues they pay now. They can attend evening festivities as easily as anyone living in Brooklyn or Queens.

The only way to keep this club alive is to keep it important, not to keep reducing dues until you cannot afford to operate, and reducing expenditures until you have nothing to offer.

This Club could not afford the rent at the Time-Life Building, and the late Madeline Ross told you so. When will the membership wake up to its ever narrowing options: Either pay to keep the doors open. Or close them.

Julie Edwards, Washington, D.C.

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None of us closely involved in the operations of the Club claims to know the precise magic dues-scale which will provide the maximum in financial support together with the most effective number of members. Suggestions like the above are always welcome and, of course, will be considered. But I for one agreed with the October decision for a dues roll-back from well-meant but evidently unrealistic levels and I now believe that the 50-mile limit on non-resident status is also counter-productive.

The aim is not to aid the wealthy (who they?) members of the Club who live outside the city limits and commute to work here. Their dues would not be affected by the proposal. It applies only to those who live and work outside the city but within 50

miles of it. These potential members seldom get in to enjoy the club facilities — particularly for lunch. There are many members of the working press in places such as Newark, White Plains, Yonkers, on Long Island, etc., who would be assets to the Club but cannot afford the resident dues in terms of the limited use they can make of club facilities.

During the troubles of recent years the Club suffered a significant loss in membership. Along with bringing in new members and winning back old friends to build financial support (while always living within the budget), efforts must be made to broaden the membership here and abroad, I believe it would be better for the effectiveness and prestige of the OPC to have a large membership paying modest dues than a smaller group of high dues payers however dedicated they might be.

John McAllister,

Chairman, Membership Committee

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Some time ago I learned of a man who joined the club. He got no welcoming letter — even a new stockholder in a small corporation gets one, form though it may be. He dropped in at the Club and got the cold shoulder from all and sundry at the bar. Maybe new members should be given something they can stick to their lapels first time they drop in and old members should be alerted to make him welcome.

I know it can be a lonely and "the hell with it" feeling to join a club and find no welcome.

What became of our once efficient Hospitality Committee?

Eliot H. Sharp

MEDIA BRIEFS

Dr. Frank Stanton, for 25 years president of CBS, has received an honorary doctoral degree of mass communications from Ohio University. The citation reads: "You have been known as the statesman, conscience, and spokesman for the broadcasting industry ... held in high esteem for your courage, dedication and leadership in protection of the right to freedom of information..."

Ronald E. Cohen, who has been coordinating Watergate coverage for UPI in his role as Washington enterprise editor, has been named Washington news editor.

Mort Rosenblum, whose new assignments have included coverage of major events on three continents, has been selected chief of the AP bureau at Buenos Aires. Rosenblum, 29, is fluent in 5 languages, and has been on the AP foreign staff since 1967. He

POINTS OF ORDER..

From time to time, the Bulletin will publish excerpts from our Constitution and By-laws which may clarify some OPC actions currently of interest to our members.

Some members have suggested that the name of our Club be changed. This would require an amendment to the Constitution, Article 1 of which reads:

The name of this Club is the Overseas Press Club of America, a non-profit association incorporated under the Membership Corporation Laws of the State of New York. Its headquarters shall be known as the World Press Center.

To amend the Constitution, the following procedure is set:

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution which is submitted in writing to the Board of Governors by a minimum of 75 Active Members at least 20 days prior to the Semi-annual or annual meeting of the Club, shall be published in the first issue of the Club's Overseas Press Bulletin following the date of the Board of Governors' meeting...

Said amendment shall then be placed before the next Semi-annual or Annual meeting for discussion.... Within three weeks following ...the meeting... the Secretary shall mail to all Active Members in good standing ballots and an impartial digest of the discussion and of letters read at the meeting. Members may then register their votes by mail within a period of time specified by the Board...

If at least two-thirds of the members voting by mail vote in favor of the proposed amendment, it shall be declared adopted....

(Article XIII of the Constitution)

has been in charge of AP bureaus at Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Nigeria, and Kinshasa, The Congo, as well as correspondent at Singapore.

Ray Moseley, veteran UPI foreign correspondent, has been named manager of the Moscow bureau. Moseley, 40, replaces Henry Shapiro, who retired after 40 years in Moscow. Moseley has spent a decade with UPI, and his posts have included bureau manager in Rome, Cairo and Belgrade, as well as assignments in Washington.

OTHER PRESS CLUBS...

MILWAUKEE

A special committee, headed by Raleigh Woolf, is preparing a proposal to create a Milwaukee Press Club Foundation to advance the professional goals of the Club. The proposal will be brought before the membership this fall.

REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1973

We have examined the accounts of the Overseas Press Club of America, Inc. for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1973. In connection with our examination, we submit herewith our report which includes the Balance Sheet at April 30, 1973 and the related Statement of Operations for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1973, together with supporting schedules and accompanying notes. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and related Statement of Operations present fairly the financial position of the Overseas Press Club of America, Inc. at April 30, 1973 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Diamond
Certified Public Accountant

The complete and detailed report is available to members at the OPC office.

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in Banks		\$ 46,628.80
House Funds		142.16
Accounts Receivable	\$ 54,274.87	
Less: Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	<u>12,000.00</u>	42,274.87
Merchandise Inventories		5,214.68
Prepaid Expenses		<u>4,692.56</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 98,953.07

FIXED ASSETS (COST)

	201,069.17	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization	<u>96,398.47</u>	
FIXED ASSETS - NET		104,670.70
DEFERRED CHARGES		<u>9,182.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		212,806.61

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	128,086.10
Note Payable - Chase Manhattan Bank	119,750.00
Owing to Shell Oil Company	135,311.09
Accrued Expenses Payable	2,893.73
Taxes Payable & Accrued	<u>8,712.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	394,752.92

UNEARNED INCOME

	89,670.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>484,422.92</u>
MEMBERS' (DEFICIENCY)		<u>(\$271,616.31)</u>

OPERATED DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 169,360.26
Food & Beverages	29,205.03
Income from Caterer (Loss)	(5,185.06)
Sundry Income	<u>4,719.82</u>
TOTAL OPERATED DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER INCOME	\$ 198,100.05

UNAPPORTIONED EXPENSES

Bulletin (Net Income)	(9,535.62)	
Administrative & General Expenses	110,226.10	
Heat, Light & Power	5,185.79	
House Expenses	31,104.34	
Committee Expenses	<u>3,042.05</u>	
TOTAL UNAPPORTIONED EXPENSES		140,022.66
OPERATING PROFIT		<u>58,077.39</u>

FIXED CHARGES

Fixed Rental	97,176.00	
Additional Rent & Real Estate Taxes	7,931.29	
Depreciation & Amortization	<u>24,460.82</u>	
TOTAL		129,568.11
NET (LOSS) BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		(71,490.72)
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES - NET		6,250.47
NET (LOSS)		<u>(\$ 77,741.19)</u>

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAIMSMITH

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Morris Ernst** is the author of a new book, "The Great Reversals", published by Weybright and Talley. The "Tales of the Supreme Court" tell of the changes in the decisions over the years as a result of the changes in the social pressures of the times. Twelfth tale: "The Court on Crime and Sex"... **Jean Sprain Wilson** writes of her new syndicate, New Era Features, Inc., which is unique in that it is the only one of its kind which sells series of articles exclusively. Founded by Jean, a former AP writer, two years ago, the first in the series was her own, "Men in their Menopause." Several OPC members have authored to New Era Features: **Jean Baer** wrote of the "other woman", a modern phenomenon; **Max Harrelson**, AP bureau chief at the UN until his retirement contributed "Vanishing Old Men of Power" drawing on world leaders; **Grace Naimsmith** wrote "Could You Have a Nervous Breakdown", based on one she had 28 years ago and advising people on how to avoid having such experiences; **Elizabeth Poston McHarry**, wife of **Charles McHarry**, of the N.Y. News, tells men about plastic surgery, hair transplants and other youth restoratives in "The Re-Making of a Man."

... **Rosalind Massow's** story on New York octogenarians in N.Y. Daily News Sunday Magazine (Aug. 5) features profiles on our own **Judge Norwood Allman** and **Morris Ernst**... Past OPC VP **Ansel E. ("Ed") Talbert** has described his Mach flights in the "1,350 m.p.h." appearing in the current issue of "Interline Reporter;" he has just returned from an assignment in Rome where he renewed acquaintance with OPC members working there.

SPEAKER: **Howard Penn Hudson**, talking on "Newsletters: Their Place in Communications" was featured at the annual meeting of the National Bar Association of Bar Executives in Washington, Aug. 2.

HONORED: **Edward L. Bernays** was given the Polyarts New England Writers Conference First Annual Writers Award for "his distinguished achievements in the field of written communication." Bernays is 82 and with his wife, **Doris Fleischman Bernays**, has been counseling on public relations for over 50 years.

EXHIBITOR: **Laurence J. Pett**,

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who recently returned to the U.S. after 30 months' writing and photographing in Israel and the Middle East, will have an exhibit, "Israel - A Photographer's Notebook," at the new Brentano Gallery in Beverly Hills, beginning Sept. 12. It follows a similar showing at Brentano's in New York in May.

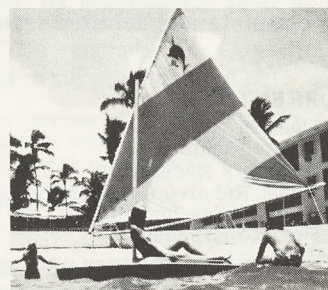
FISHERMAN: **Will Yolen**, according to Red Smith in the N.Y. Times, caught a seven-inch rainbow trout at Lake Moolock in Washington's Cascade Range, where he fished with the famous sport columnist and the avocado king, **Jack Murphy**. The trout was caught on a gaudy spinner and the kite-flying champion "had the grace to release his catch." "Most spiritually rewarding," writes Red Smith, "was the sight of Yolen stripped down to his drawers attempting to retrieve a spinner hooked among sunken logs. Entering the icy water in a bellyache crouch, he pitched forward slowly like a ship sinking by the head, went down on all fours and continued the act of obeisance like a Moslem facing Mecca. Not until forehead had touched bottom did his mustache reappear, dripping from both ends."

NEW LOOK: **George B. Bookman** has been named Director of Public Relations for the New York Botanical Garden. He will direct informational programs for the Garden both at its Bronx headquarters and the Cary Arboretum, an 1800-acre center of plant science the Garden is developing in Millbrook, New York. Bookman has been with the New York Stock Exchange since 1962, where he directed its information and press relations activities. Long time newspaperman, serving as White House correspondent of the Washington Post, associate editor of U.S. News and World Report Magazine, and member of the Board of

Editors of Fortune Magazine, Bookman is a member of the Deadline Club and has been active in conservation and environmental projects. Bookman was a judge on the OPC Annual Awards Committee for 1973.

BARGAIN: **Doris Macauley** has arranged with **Harrison Foreman's** World Travel package trips to Bermuda for OPC members, their families and friends at reduced rates. For details call (212) 736-1770.

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